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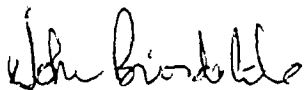
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am of the opinion that the settlement that ended the antitrust case between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is more than fair, and should be implemented as soon as possible. The time has come to put this issue behind us and to move forward. Our economy needs all the help it can get.

This proposed settlement brings an end to the more than three years of litigation that has cost the government and Microsoft millions of dollars. The agreement does not let Microsoft easy by any means, but it does finish the tireless lawsuit. Microsoft will now have to share with its competitors, the source code and data that make-up the design of Windows. This will be done in order to make competing software compatible with Windows, and will encourage competition in the IT industry.

The settlement is past due, and I hope that it is approved as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



John Biondolillo